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WATERMASTER FLOW METER READINGS TO BEGIN DEC. 30 IN MAGIC VALLEY

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State water masters and hydrographers serving in ground water and water districts in the Magic Valley will begin reading flow meters from wells used by commercial and irrigation water users starting Monday, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

The readings are being done to secure year-end meter readings that can be used to audit water use readings and reports required annually of the water users.

About 300 commercial flow meters, maintained by users that report to the West Measurement District, North Snake Ground Water District, Water District 130 or directly to IDWR will be checked. These meters are installed primarily on dairy wells in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Cassia Counties. Irrigation flow meters in the West Measurement District and the North Snake Ground Water District will also be checked as needed, officials said.

It is expected that the measurement effort for commercial wells will take approximately one week. Checks on irrigation wells may continue through January. District staff will only be reading meters, which are part of the measurement program and are already required to report annual diversions.

IDWR would like to emphasize that next week's audit does not relieve any affected water user of the responsibility to report their water use. If you have questions or need a reporting form, please contact Cindy Yenter at IDWR's Southern Region Office at 736-3033.